



KANSAS

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER 04-09

WHEREAS, the Director of the Kansas Water Office has informed me, pursuant to K.S.A. 74-2608, of the present status of drought conditions within the state, and

WHEREAS, drought conditions have improved in many areas, but continue to persist in the northwest; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Emergency Management Act (K.S.A. 48-924) states that the Governor shall be responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and its people from disasters, including drought.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, I hereby:

1. Rescind all county drought stage declarations made on June 15, 2004, and
2. Declare a Drought Watch or Drought Warning for the counties identified below; and
3. Authorize and direct all agencies under the jurisdiction of the Governor to implement the appropriate Watch or Warning -level drought response actions assigned to them in the Operations Plan of the Governor's Drought Response Team.

Drought Warning counties by Climate/Crop Reporting District

Northwest: Cheyenne, Decatur, Rawlins, Sheridan, Sherman, Thomas.

Drought Watch counties by Climate/Crop Reporting District

Northwest: Graham, Norton.

North Central: Phillips, Rooks, Smith.

West Central: Gove, Logan, Trego, Wallace

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 04-09 and shall become effective immediately.

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County drought stages declared in this Executive Order shall remain in effect until revised or rescinded by a subsequent Executive Order.

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